199. *Relief to other artisans.*—Artisans other than weavers who require relief shall be employed as far as possible in their own trades on the relief works; and, in localities where the members of any particular trade or calling are numerous, preference may be given to works which will provide employment for men of such trade or calling.

CHAPTER XIV.—POLICE

200. *Duties of District Superintendent of Police.*—The duties of the District Superintendent of Police when scarcity is imminent have been laid down in sections 19 (*f*) and 26. When scarcity or famine conditions have been declared to exist in any district, the District Superintendent of Police shall from time to time apply for such additional officers, superior and subordinate, as may be required for special duty in the distressed area, and for sanction to enlist such extra force as may be necessary to meet all requirements.

201. *Special reports.*—The District Superintendent of Police shall require all police officers in charge of police stations or outposts to submit special reports, from time to time, on the following matters:—

(*a*) increase in crime which may be attributable to a general rise in prices or scarcity of food;

(*b*) wandering of needy or starving persons and of criminal tribes or gangs;

(*c*) migration of distressed people from or into the areas under their charge;

(*d*) deaths believed to be due to want of food.

The information received shall be communicated by the District Superintendent of Police, with his suggestions, to the Collector.

202. *Arrangements for immediate relief in urgent cases.*—From the permanent advance given to the District Superintendent of Police under section 245, he shall provide the officer in charge of every police station or outpost with a small advance for the purpose of purchasing food in urgent cases. The police officer in charge shall keep an account of his expenditure in Form 34 and recoup it, when necessary, by sending a copy of his account to the District Superintendent of Police, who shall follow the procedure laid down in section 158 (*b*).

203. *Treatment of destitute wanderers.*—Every officer in charge of a police station or outpost shall be held responsible that no one is left to starve within his charge. He shall pass on destitute persons fit to travel, after feeding them, under sufficient escort to the next post or nearest work or poor-house, and obtain a receipt for each such person, which shall be a voucher for the expenditure incurred. Such persons shall not be allowed to continue their wanderings after having been relieved. Starving persons unfit to travel shall, after being fed, be similarly handed over to the nearest village officer. Each police station and outpost shall also be provided with a supply of fever and cholera medicines to be obtained on indent from the Civil Surgeon.

204. *Disposal of corpses.*—The District Superintendent of Police shall see that corpses found by the roadside are properly buried or burnt by the village authorities; and he shall report the extent of such mortality to the Collector.